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SENATOR DUIS: Senator Schmit, I am interested in the municipalities having the right of generation but I am also interested in the fact that they have wheeling or the necessary transmission lines. I would like very much to have you tell me and the Legislature what your amendment does with wheeling.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, my amendment, Senator Duis, does this. It provides that as far as the generation problem is concerned, we all agree upon that, I believe. The cities have the right to build generation facilities in cooperation or individually as they see fit. Now, the matter of wheeling is one which is kicked around a lot. The point I'm trying to get across here is years ago, long before I was a member of this Body, it was determined it was not in the interest of the State of Nebraska and the taxpayers to have duplication of transmission facilities so the state was...there was a determination made as to which areas the state would be divided into, Nebraska Public Power and OPPD. And those areas then became the responsibility of those respective power districts to provide the transmission facilities. Now, those, those, my amendment does this. It provides that in the event that a municipality such as Lincoln desires to build a generation facility somewhere else, they have to sit down and discuss the matter of transmission with the existing...with the existing power district and if they cannot determine, decide, agree upon whom shall build the transmission facility, then they go the power review board with it.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Now then, the remainder of my question is to Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Does Senator Goodrich yield?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR DUIS: The amendment you have to the motion made by Senator Schmit. What does your amendment then do to the wheeling situation as explained by Senator Schmit?

SENATOR GOODRICH: My amendment is identical to what he explained. The only difference is, he didn't continue and say, for example, that.....

(End of 2B)

(Begin 3B)

his amendment also strikes down the Lewis amendment that has already been adopted to the bill.

SENATOR DUIS: That's just exactly what I was afraid of. And I...go ahead.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Let me finish a little bit more then. My amendment is exactly what he said it was. Both parties, for example, if a generation facility is built, both parties sit down and they shall determine if they can who is to transmit the electricity where and if they can't, if there is a dispute in one of three areas of what transmission facilities are to be constructed or who, number two, who shall construct such transmission facilities or three, an agreement for the electric connection of transmission